Subject No. 150.

Free building sites in villages.

Summary of discussion.—Government building sites lying in villages other than Municipal towns should be granted to raiyats free of charge.

Dewan's reply.—A circular or special rules under Section 135 of the Land Revenue Code will be issued on the subject.

Subject No. 151.

Guarantee against enhancement of assessment after 30 years.

Summary of discussion.—The expected revision of assessment after the expiry of the usual guarantee proves an impediment to the raiyats for improving their dry and wet lands at any large outlay. Pray for the introduction of an arrangement for removing their apprehensions in the matter.

Dewan's reply.—The Land Revenue Code generally provides for this. See Sections 112, 115, and 116. The Darbar contemplate such arrangements for the future as will afford the highest security to the raiyats and protect them from undue fluctuations of the Government demand.

Subject No. 152.

Honge leaves for manure.

Summary of discussion.—The privilege enjoyed by the raiyats of using leaves of Honge trees on Government unoccupied land as manure for their paddy fields should be continued to them. Section 24, clause 3 of the Forest Rules of 1878, under which a raiyat can take branches and leaves of unreserved trees in District Forests for manure and litter is not sufficient, as the produce of Honge trees is sold by Government by public auction, and the contractor objects to leaves and branches being cut. In the Madanapalli Taluk (Her Majesty's Territory) a raiyat is allowed patta or lease at Rs. 1—12—0 per 100 trees. A similar arrangement is required for the Kolar District. A similar system existed of old in the Chintamani, Bagepalli and Sidlaghatta Taluks under the name of "Hiduye Kandayam."

Dewan's reply.—The subject is under consideration. An arrangement somewhat on the following lines will be ordered :—

(1.) Villagewar allotment at the rate of Rs. 1—12—0 for 100 trees to be made.

(2.) Leases for 5 years to be granted to raiyats and the raiyatwar enjoyment of the villagewar allotment to be duly recorded and registered to prevent future dispute.

(3.) By the time these leases expire, the raiyats may well raise plantations of their own. (See also Subjects Nos. 139, 145 and 165.)

Subject No. 153.

A Mechanic for repair of Sugar-cane mills.

Summary of discussion.—A school of arts and industries should be established at Kolar to teach people to use and repair machines. At present a large number of